

In particular, it is believed that the claims 82-84 of Group V should be examined together with those of Group I. To that end, a new dependent claim 86 is introduced herewith, which is dependent from claim 82, and which recites the characteristics of the monocyte-derived antigen-presenting cells in the same terms as those used in claim 44.

It is believed that Groups I and V are sufficiently closely related that a full search for either group would yield all prior art relevant to the other; however, the newly-presented dependent claim 86 is a "linking" claim, such that it is believed that Groups I and V can no longer properly be restricted relative to one another, to the extent that they might have been before introduction of the new claim.


In anticipation of the Examiner's withdrawal of the restriction requirement to the limited extent requested above, applicants have cancelled without prejudice the remaining claims of Groups II-IV, thereby to hasten favorable action on the merits of the claims of Groups I and V.

Such action is therefore respectfully requested.

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